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## TOP BREEDERS' CUP CONTENDERS HIGHLIGHT BUSY MORNING OF TRAINING BENEATH THE TWIN SPIRES

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Sunday, Oct. 28, 2018)** – There were a total of 20 Breeders' Cup contenders who breezed Sunday morning at Churchill Downs as the connections eagerly await the 35<sup>th</sup> renewal of the World Championships on Nov. 2-3 beneath the historic Twin Spires at Churchill Downs.

The following horses recorded published workouts Sunday morning. For more information on each, see the stories below:

- Arklow (Four furlongs :49.60, pre-entered in Breeders' Cup Turf)
- Catholic Boy (5F 1:01, Classic)
- Channel Maker (4F :49, Turf)
- City of Light (4F :47.60, Dirt Mile/Classic)
- Fuhriously Kissed (4F :50.40 on turf, Filly & Mare Turf)
- Golden Mischief (4F :47, Filly & Mare Sprint)
- Imperial Hint (4F :48.40, Sprint)
- King of Speed (4F :50, Juvenile Turf)
- Liam the Charmer (5F 1:05.60, Turf)
- Mia Mischief (4F :49, Filly & Mare Sprint)
- Miss Sunset (4F :49.80, Filly & Mare Sprint)
- Mom's On Strike (4F :48.20, Filly & Mare Turf)
- Monomoy Girl (4F :48.40, Distaff)
- Paved (5F 1:05.60, Filly & Mare Turf)
- Promises Fulfilled (4F :48.40, Sprint)
- Seven Trumpets (5F 1:01.40, Dirt Mile)
- Tight Ten (4F :50, Juvenile)
- Topper T (4F :47.60, Juvenile)
- Tracksmith (4F :48.60, Juvenile Turf/ Juvenile Turf Sprint)
- Will Call (4F :49.40, Turf Sprint)

**CATHOLIC BOY COMPLETES FINAL PREPARATION BEFORE THE CLASSIC WITH FIVE-FURLONG BREEZE IN 1:01** – Robert LaPenta, Madaket Stables, Siena Farm and Twin Creeks Racing Stables' Travers Stakes (Grade I) winner **Catholic Boy** tuned up for the \$6 million Breeders' Cup Classic (GI) with a five-furlong move in 1:01 Sunday with regular rider **Javier Castellano** aboard.

"It was a good work," trainer **Jonathan Thomas** said. "It always takes a lot of anxiety out of our lives when these horses have their final works. Really, what was most important to me this morning, was to see he continued doing things the way he has been throughout the year."

Catholic Boy worked during the exclusive window for Breeders' Cup horses at 7:30 a.m. (all times Eastern) through splits of :13, :24.80 and :36.80, before galloping out six furlongs in 1:13.60 and seven furlongs in 1:28.20, according to Churchill Downs Clocker John Nichols.

The 3-year-old son of More Than Ready has been stabled at Churchill Downs for 10 days from his home base in New York.

"I just wanted to get him down here early to see how he handled the new surroundings," Thomas said. "You can see one work from a horse to get a sense if they like the track but the second work can really tell you a lot of how they're handling things."

**COX QUARTET WORK FOR BREEDERS' CUP** – It was a very busy Sunday morning for trainer Brad Cox, who worked 29 horses, including likely Longines Breeders' Cup Distaff favorite **Monomoy Girl** and three other Breeders' Cup contenders.

Kentucky Oaks (GI) winner **Monomoy Girl** came out with her stablemates **Arklow** (Longines Turf) and **Will Call** (Turf Sprint) at the special 7:30 a.m. time for Breeders' Cup runners and worked a half mile in 48.40 in company with older male allowance level runner **Dazzling Gem** under regular rider **Florent Geroux**. Her splits were :12.20, :23.60 and :36.20 before galloping out in 1:01.40 and 1:15.80.

"Dazzling Gem was aggressive going to the pole," Cox said. "The plan was for Monomoy Girl to sit right off him, but Dazzling Gem was aggressive. It still worked out well. Florent was able to range up to him and they went head and head. It was what we were looking for. We didn't want to do as much as we had in the other works. I caught her in :49 2/5 and out in 1:01 4/5, so a solid breeze."

Will Call was the first of the trio to break off into his work and was caught in :49.40 for the half mile. His splits were :13, 25 and :37.20 before galloping out in 1:02.40.

"He broke off slow, but finished up well," Cox said. "**Shaun Bridgmohan** is his regular rider and was aboard for the work. He was pleased with how he was moving."

Arklow, who is coming off a second-place finish in the Sycamore Stakes (GIII) at Keeneland Oct. 18, went an easy half mile in :49.60 with splits of :25 and :37.20 before galloping out five furlongs in 1:02.80.

"Arklow is just going off a race last week, so we didn't need him to do too much," Cox said. "We just wanted to let him stretch his legs. We may not have the fastest horse in the race, but he may be the fittest. He deserves a shot."

Getting a jump start on the morning was Filly & Mare Sprint entry **Golden Mischief**, who came out at 5:15 a.m. and worked a bullet half mile in 47. It was the fastest of the 113 half-mile works Sunday. Her splits were :13, :24.60 and :35.80 before galloping out in :59.40 and in 1:13.60.

"She looked fantastic," Cox said. "She broke off nice and easy. Galloped out well. I'm just super pleased with her. She did everything right."

**IMPERIAL HINT BREEZES HALF-MILE IN :48.80 WITH UNEXPECTED COMPANY** – **Raymond Mamone's** multiple Grade I-winning sprinter **Imperial Hint** received some rather unexpected company when he worked a half-mile in :48.80 Sunday at Churchill Downs in preparation for the TwinSpires Breeders' Cup Sprint (GI).

Imperial Hint began his half-mile breeze at the three-furlong pole. Meanwhile, Hall of Fame trainer **Bill Mott's** Breeders' Cup Juvenile (GI) contender **Topper T** began his half-mile breeze approximately 10 seconds earlier from the half-mile pole.

"We weren't really anticipating having company," said trainer **Luis Carvajal Jr.**, who also has been acting as Imperial Hint's groom while he is at Churchill Downs. "I thought it was a very good work for us. I'm sure he could've easily gone a second or two faster."

Imperial Hint, a 5-year-old Florida-bred son of Imperialism, began his work with fractions of :12.40 and :36.20, before galloping out five furlongs in 1:01.

**PROMISES FULFILED, SEVEN TRUMPETS RECORD FINAL WORK BEFORE BREEDERS' CUP** – Churchill Downs all-time leading trainer **Dale Romans** could not have been more pleased following TwinSpires Breeders' Cup Sprint (GI) contender **Promises Fulfilled's** half-mile move in :48.40 and **Seven Trumpets' five-furlong work** in 1:01.40 in preparation for the Dirt Mile (GI).

"It was a busy, but fun morning in the 'Romans Clocker Stand'," Romans said. "I thought both horses worked phenomenal. I really like our chances in both of these races. These horses are improving at the right time and training extremely well."

**Bob Baron's** Promises Fulfilled, with regular exercise rider **Faustino Herrarte** aboard, worked through splits of :12.20 and :23.60, before galloping out six furlongs in 1:14.20, according to Nichols.

Immediately following Promises Fulfilled's work, Romans' life partner and exercise rider **Tammy Fox** was aboard **West Point Thoroughbreds' Seven Trumpets** who clipped opening splits of :23.60 and :48.60, before galloping out six furlongs in 1:15.20.

Romans also reported that Dirt Mile contender **Dak Attack**, who breezed five furlongs in 1:00, is "on the fence" about running in the race.

**CHANNEL MAKER, TOPPER T WORK TOWARDS BREEDERS' CUP STARTS FOR HALL OF FAME TRAINER MOTT** – Two of Hall of Fame trainer and former Churchill Downs all-time leading conditioner **Bill Mott's** Breeders' Cup hopes, Longines Turf (GI) contender **Channel Maker** and Sentient Jet Juvenile hopeful **Topper T** completed their final step before starts in the World Championships with separate half-mile moves in :49 and :47.60, respectively.

"Both of these horses worked well today," assistant trainer **Kenny McCarthy** said. "We thought about working Channel Maker on the turf again but he did fine last week on the dirt."

McCarthy also reported Breeders' Cup Classic competitor **Yoshida (JPN)** is tentatively scheduled to work Monday.

Topper T, a 2-year-old Iowa-bred, worked at 7:30 a.m. through opening fractions of :12.20 and :24.20, before galloping out five furlongs in 1:01.

Channel Maker, the Joe Hirsch Turf Classic (GI) winner, worked through opening fractions of :12.40 and :24.60, before galloping out five furlongs in 1:03.40.

**CASTELLANO GETS TEST DRIVE ON CITY OF LIGHT FOR BREEDERS' CUP DIRT MILE** – **Mr. and Mrs. William K. Warren Jr.'s** two-time Grade I winner **City of Light** had a get-acquainted session with jockey **Javier Castellano** Sunday morning, working a half-mile in :47.60 after the second renovation break.

In posting the third fastest of 113 works at the distance, City of Light produced fractions of :24, :47.60 and out five furlongs in 1:00.80.

"This was my first time on him and I liked him," said Castellano before flying back to New York with a return to Louisville slated for Thursday.

Trainer **Michael McCarthy** was happy with the breeze over a fast track.

"I was pleased with him and he ran through his gears," McCarthy said.

Castellano's work with McCarthy was not done for the morning as a half-hour later he partnered **Ciaglia Racing** and **Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners** Paved through a five-furlong turf work with **Madaket Stables'** Liam the Charmer in 1:05.60 over a turf course rated as good.

With Liam the Charmer (Breeders' Cup Turf-G1) on the inside under **Aaron Gryder**, the duo produced fractions of :13.20, :40.40 and out six furlongs in 1:21.

"Those were maintenance works because she is going to go 1 3/8 miles (in the Maker's Mark Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf-G1) and he is going a mile and a half," McCarthy said. "I was very happy with both of them and they got over the grass fine."

**MOM'S ON STRIKE WORKS IN COMPANY FOR BREEDERS' CUP FILLY & MARE TURF** – **Brad Grady** and **Carl R. Moore Management's Mom's On Strike**, working in company with **Calumet Farm's Tracksmith**, covered a half-mile on the dirt in :48.20 with trainer **Joe Sharp** aboard in her final prep for Saturday's \$2 million Maker's Mark Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf (GI).

Mom's On Strike started a couple of lengths behind Tracksmith with **Adam Beschizza** up and finished on even terms with splits of :24.20, :36.20 and out five furlongs in 1:01.80.

"I thought she worked super," Sharp said. "She always does better with a target. She will go back to the track Tuesday and this week we will take advantage of the turf training. She is very familiar with the course having won over it."

Winner of the Bewitch (GIII) this spring at Keeneland going 1 1/2 miles, Mom's On Strike may have an equipment change for the Filly & Mare Turf at 1 3/8 miles.

"I think I will put the blinkers back on her," Sharp said of the 5-year-old mare who raced in blinkers for parts of 2016 and 2017 but not in her past 10 starts,

Sharp said that Tracksmith, who is far down on the preference list for the \$1 million Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf (GI), has been nominated to the \$100,000 Atlantic Beach to be run at six furlongs on the grass at Aqueduct Nov. 10.

**ADDITIONAL BREEDERS' CUP NEWS AND NOTES** – Trainer **Jeff Bonde's** two Breeders' Cup hopefuls: **Miss Sunset** (Filly & Mare Sprint) and **King of Speed** (Juvenile Turf) put in half-mile works on the fast main track. Working solo under exercise rider **Tony Gutierrez**, Miss Sunset covered the distance in :49.80 with fractions of :12.60, :24.40 and out five furlongs in 1:04.40. Fourth as the favorite in the Thoroughbred Club of America (GII) at Keeneland in her most recent start, Miss Sunset is owned by **Phil Lebherz** and **Alan Klein**. King of Speed, owned by **Del Secco DCS, Inc.**, covered the half-mile in :50 with splits of :12.60, :24.80 and out five-eighths in 1:04.80. King of Speed has won the Del Mar Juvenile Turf and Zuma Beach in his past two starts at the Juvenile Turf distance of one mile. Bonde is expected to arrive in Louisville from his Southern California base midweek. ... The arrivals of the California-based Breeders' Cup contenders are expected to arrive Sunday and Tuesday, according to Director of the Stable area **Steve Hargrave**. ... Trainer **Aidan O'Brien's** Breeders' Cup contingent is on scheduled to arrive at Churchill Downs from Ireland on Monday afternoon, according to Hargrave.

**BREEDERS' CUP BARN LIST** – <https://bit.ly/2yCQ0op>

**BREEDERS' CUP POST-POSITION DRAW IS MONDAY** – The 2018 Rood & Riddle Breeders' Cup Post-Position Draw will be held Monday at 4 p.m. ET at the Kentucky International Convention Center in downtown Louisville on the Equestrecon Main Stage.

The draw – hosted by NBC's **Laffit Pincay III**, **Nick Luck** and Breeders' Cup Players' Show's **Gabby Gaudet** – will be streamed on the Breeders' Cup official website [www.BreedersCup.com](http://www.BreedersCup.com), mobile app, Facebook page and YouTube channel.

Entries for all races on Friday and Saturday are due Monday at 10 a.m. Churchill Downs racing officials will publish an early overnight of undercard entries on Monday afternoon prior to the Breeders' Cup Post-Position Draw.

**BREEDERS' CUP WEEK POST TIMES** – Below are post times for Breeders' Cup Week at Churchill Downs (all times Eastern):

- **Sunday, Oct. 28:** First race at 1 p.m. (gates 11:30 a.m.); last of 11 races at 6:06 p.m.
  - Race 8 (\$100,000 Rags to Riches Overnight Stakes) at 4:36 p.m.
  - Race 10 (\$300,000 Spendthrift Juvenile Stallion Stakes) at 5:36 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 31:** First race at 1 p.m. (gates 11:30 a.m.); last of 10 races at 5:36 p.m.
- **Thursday, Nov. 1:** First race at 1 p.m. (gates 11:30 a.m.); last of 10 races at 5:36 p.m.
  - Race 9 (\$100,000 Bet On Sunshine Overnight Stakes) at 5:06 p.m.

- **Friday, Nov. 2:** First race at 12:55 p.m. (gates 10 a.m.); first Breeders' Cup race at 3:21 p.m.; last of 10 races at 6:43 p.m.
  - Race 1 at 12:55 p.m.
  - Race 2 at 1:28 p.m.
  - Race 3 at 2:02 p.m.
  - Race 4 (\$100,000 Street Sense) at 2:36 p.m.
  - Race 5 (\$1 million Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint) at 3:21 p.m.
  - Race 6 (Grade I, \$1 million Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf) at 4 p.m.
  - Race 7 (Grade I, \$2 million Tito's Handmade Vodka Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies) at 4:40 p.m.
  - Race 8 (Grade I, \$1 million Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf) at 5:22 p.m.
  - Race 9 (Grade I, \$2 million Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Juvenile) at 6:05 p.m.
  - Race 10 (Grade II, \$200,000 Marathon Presented by TAA) at 6:43 p.m.
- **Saturday, Nov. 3:** First race at 10:45 a.m. (gates 8 a.m.); first Breeders' Cup race at 12 p.m.; last of 12 races at 6:22 p.m.
  - Race 1 at 10:45 a.m.
  - Race 2 (\$200,000 Cherokee Run) at 11:15 a.m.
  - Race 3 (Grade I, \$1 million Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint) at 12 p.m.
  - Race 4 (Grade I, \$1 million Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint) at 12:38 p.m.
  - Race 5 (Grade I, \$1 million Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile) at 1:16 p.m.
  - Race 6 (Grade I, \$2 million Maker's Mark Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf) at 2:04 p.m.
  - Race 7 (Grade I, \$2 million TwinSpires Breeders' Cup Sprint) at 2:46 p.m.
  - Race 8 (Grade I, \$2 million Breeders' Cup Mile) at 3:36 p.m.
  - Race 9 (Grade I, \$2 million Longines Breeders' Cup Distaff) at 4:16 p.m.
  - Race 10 (Grade I, \$4 million Longines Breeders' Cup Turf) at 4:56 p.m.
  - Race 11 (Grade I, \$6 million Breeders' Cup Classic) at 5:44 p.m.
  - Race 12 (Grade II, \$200,000 Chilukki) at 6:22 p.m.
- **Sunday, Nov. 4:** First race at 1 p.m. (gates 11:30 a.m.); last of 10 races at 5:36 p.m.

**BREEDERS' CUP MEDIA DAY IS WEDNESDAY** – Media Day for the 35<sup>th</sup> Breeders' Cup World Championships at Churchill Downs is Wednesday, Oct. 31 from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

The event will take place in The Loft at Aristides Lounge on the second floor of the Clubhouse (take stairs on second floor Clubhouse to access The Loft at Aristides Lounge).

Access will be granted to the event with a Breeders' Cup media credential. Enter the facility through the Paddock Gate. Free parking is available in the Orange or Green lots.

**WORKOUTS STREAMED LIVE ON BREAKFAST AT BREEDERS' CUP** – Presented by the Breeders' Cup Players' Show, Breakfast at Breeders' Cup is streamed on Breeders' Cup's official website [www.BreedersCup.com](http://www.BreedersCup.com), mobile app and Facebook page each day from 7-10 a.m. ET through Thursday. The action-packed program will offer an inside look at how Breeders' Cup entrants train and prepare for the championship races and will feature interviews with the sport's most prominent trainers, owners, jockeys and personalities. Airing live from Churchill Downs, the show is hosted by **Caton Bredar, Joe Kristufek, Gabby Gaudet and Brandon Stauble**.

#### **SPECIAL CHURCHILL DOWNS TRAINING HOURS**

##### **Through Thursday, Nov. 1:**

- Dirt Training: 5:15-9:30 a.m.
- First renovation break: 7-7:30 a.m.
- Breeders' Cup Only: 7:30-7:45 a.m.
- Second renovation break: 8:30-9 a.m.
- Turf Training: 9:35-10 a.m.

##### **Friday, Nov. 2:**

- Dirt Training: 5:15-9:25 a.m.
- First renovation break: 7-7:30 a.m.
- Breeders' Cup Only: 7:30-7:45 a.m.
- No renovation second break
- Turf Training: 9:30-9:45 a.m.

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**Saturday, Nov. 3:**

- Dirt Training: 5:15-7:30 a.m. (no renovation break)
- Breeders' Cup Only: 5:15-5:30 a.m.
- No Gate Schooling

**NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE FORECAST** – On Sunday at Churchill Downs, the main track was rated “fast” and the Matt Winn Turf Course (Lane 3, 22 feet off the inside hedge) was rated “good.” Below is the National Weather Service forecast for Louisville through Breeders' Cup Saturday as of Sunday morning:

- **Sunday:** A 30% chance of showers, mainly before 1 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 68. South wind 11 to 20 mph becoming west in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 28 mph.
- **Sunday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 45. West wind 10 to 16 mph.
- **Monday:** Sunny, with a high near 61. West wind around 7 mph.
- **Monday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 43. Light south wind.
- **Tuesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 70. South wind 5 to 11 mph.
- **Tuesday Night:** A 40% chance of showers after 2 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 61.
- **Wednesday:** Showers likely, then showers and possibly a thunderstorm after 2 p.m. High near 69. Chance of precipitation is 90 %.
- **Wednesday Night:** Showers and possibly a thunderstorm. Low around 51. Chance of precipitation is 90%.
- **Thursday:** Showers likely, mainly before 2 p.m. Cloudy, with a high near 57. Chance of precipitation is 70%.
- **Thursday Night:** A 50% chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 41.
- **Breeders' Cup Friday:** A 20% chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 54.
- **Friday Night:** A 40% chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 38.
- **Breeders' Cup Saturday:** A 20% chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 54.

**CHURCHILL DOWNS TO AIR ON TVG THROUGHOUT FALL MEET** – Racing from Churchill Downs will air on **TVG's** primary broadcast channel throughout the 21-day Fall Meet. Included in the coverage is onsite reports from correspondents **Caton Bredar** and **Gabby Gaudet**. TVG is available in more than 40 million homes.

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